

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A system for supporting a film, said system comprising:

a first device provided as a single piece arranged and configured to locate the first device in a frame and having a first end and a second end, each of said ends having a diameter, wherein said first device does not comprise an operative gear; a gear attached to said second end; and

a second device for rotatably receiving the film from the first device, said second device having a first end and a second end, a gear attached to said second end, and wherein each of said ends of said second device has a diameter; and

wherein said diameter of said first end of said second device is essentially the same as said diameter of said second end of said first device, and said diameter of said second end of said second device is essentially the same as said diameter of said first end of said first device.

2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said diameter of said first end of said second device is greater than said diameter of said second end of said second device.

3. (previously presented) The system of claim 2, further comprising a smooth cylindrical brake portion for frictionally contacting a brake gear to resist rotation of said first device.

4. (original) The system of claim 3, wherein said brake portion is located adjacent to said first end of said first device.

5. (currently amended) An ink film supply system, comprising:

a supply core formed as a single piece having a first cylindrical end and a second cylindrical end, each of said ends having an exterior diameter, and wherein said exterior diameter of said second cylindrical end is greater than said exterior diameter of said first cylindrical end, and said supply core does not comprise an operative gear;

a take-up core for taking up ink film from said supply core, said take-up core having a first end and a second end, and wherein each of said ends of said take-up core has an exterior diameter; and

wherein said exterior diameter of said first end of said take-up core is essentially the same as said exterior diameter of said second end of said supply core, and said exterior diameter of said second end of said take-up core is essentially the same as said exterior diameter of said first end of said supply core, and a gear on said second end of said take-up core.

6. (currently amended) The system of claim 5, said supply core further comprising a molded brake portion having a smooth, cylindrical molded brake portion outer surface arranged and configured to for frictionally contact contacting a brake gear.

7. (original) The system of claim 6, wherein said brake portion is located between a main portion of said supply core and said first end of said supply core.

8. (previously presented) The system of claim 7, wherein said gear on said take-up core includes a molded gear for meshing with a drive gear, such that rotation of said drive gear causes said take-up core to take up the ink film from said supply core.

9. (original) The system of claim 8, wherein said second end of said take-up core is located between said molded gear and a main portion of said take-up core.

10. (original) The system of claim 9, wherein said cores are formed of hollow molded plastic.

11. - 16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) An ink film supply system, comprising: The system of claim 7

a supply core having a first cylindrical end and a second cylindrical end, each of said ends having an exterior diameter, and wherein said exterior diameter of said second cylindrical end is greater than said exterior diameter of said first cylindrical end, and said supply core does not comprise an operative gear, said supply core further comprising a smooth, cylindrical molded brake portion located between a main portion of said supply core and said first end of said supply core for frictionally contacting a brake gear;

a take-up core for taking up ink film from said supply core, said take-up core having a first end and a second end, and wherein each of said ends of said take-up core has an exterior diameter; and

wherein said exterior diameter of said first end of said take-up core is essentially the same as said exterior diameter of said second end of said supply core, and said exterior diameter of said second end of said take-up core is essentially the same as said exterior diameter of said first end of said supply core, and a gear on said second end of said take-up core, and

wherein said brake portion has a diameter larger than said diameter of said first end of said supply core.

18. (currently amended) An ink film supply system, comprising: The system of claim 7

a supply core having a first cylindrical end and a second cylindrical end, each of said ends having an exterior diameter, and wherein said exterior diameter of said second cylindrical end is greater than said exterior diameter of said first cylindrical end, and said supply core does not comprise an operative gear, said supply core further comprising a smooth, cylindrical molded brake portion located between a main portion of said supply core and said first end of said supply core for frictionally contacting a brake gear;

a take-up core for taking up ink film from said supply core, said take-up core having a first end and a second end, and wherein each of said ends of said take-up core has an exterior diameter; and

wherein said exterior diameter of said first end of said take-up core is essentially the same as said exterior diameter of said second end of said supply core, and said exterior diameter of said second end of said take-up core is essentially the same as said exterior diameter of said first end of said supply core, and a gear on said second end of said take-up core, and

wherein said brake portion has a diameter larger than a diameter of said main portion of said supply core.